Development of ground waters resources

2123. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken during the year 1986-87 to develop ground water resources; and

(b) what steps have been taken to increase the re-charge the ground water?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Steps taken include, acceleration of hydrogeological surveys and exploratory drilling, strengthening of State Ground Water Organisations with special emphasis on the north-eastern region, and conjunctive use of ground water in irrigation commands.

For increasing recharge to ground water, a number of water shed management schemes, construction of percolation tanks etc. have been taken up.

Cost of production in copper mines

2124. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Capital Investment in each of the Copper Mines being operated by Hindustan Copper Limited; and

(b) what is the cost of production inclusive of depreciation interest and overheads, of Copper concentrate mined by Hindustan Copper Limited, spearately, in the case of underground and open cast mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foodgrains Production

2125. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of foodgrains is likely to fall during the current year; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Final estimates of production of foodgrains for the crop year 1986-87 have not yet been received not yet become due from various States. However based on preliminary reports received from various States as also keeping in view the rainfall and weather conditions etc., it is currently assessed that all India production of foodgrains during 1986-87 might be in the range of 149.0-151.0 million tonnes, as compared to 150.5 million tonnes in 1985-86. The low level of production of foodgrains in 1986-87 might be attributed to adverse weather conditions faced in some of the principal producing States during the Kharif season.

Fencing of D.D.A. colonies

2126. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by D.D.A. to protect its colonies from public encroachments in the recent past;

(b) whether D.D.A. are expected to construct its own compound walls and iron fencings around its colonies;